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A Report to the Citizens of the City of Fairfax



DATELINE

Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts Begins April 19

Art abounds beginning April 19 at the annual Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts Festival. This year, *An Artistic Kaleidoscope* features dozens of Fairfax-area events showcasing local performance and visual artists.

The festival enhances the community's awareness of the arts and cultural opportunities in Fairfax. Events continue through May 6. For a schedule of events, visit fairfaxspotlight.org or call 703-352-ARTS.

April is Spring Cleanup Month
— see page 3
for information!

Filing Date for Constitutional Officer Posts Nears

The election for the city Treasurer and Commissioner of the Revenue will be held November 5. The four-year term begins January 1, 2014. The filing period continues through June 11.

Longtime city Treasurer Stephen L. Moloney has announced his retirement from office.

Information may be obtained on the city's website, from the General Registrar's Office (located in the Sisson House adjacent to City Hall; 703-385-7890) and from the Virginia State Board of Elections (www.sbe.virginia.gov; (804) 864-8901).

If you're new to the city, welcome!
Call 703-385-7800
for new resident information.

City Council Continues to Seek Input on Water Services

Final Consideration Scheduled at April 9 Council Meeting

The City of Fairfax continues to seek community comments as it considers an agreement with the Fairfax County Water Authority (Fairfax Water).

The Mayor and City Council want the community to help them decide whether to approve the framework for an agreement for Fairfax Water to provide retail distribution of water to city customers, with the city selling its water treatment facility in Loudoun County. This would save residents and businesses money and curtail the increasing costs of running a small water system.

City water customers have received a letter from the Mayor and City Council,

a news release and a brochure on this matter. These and more information is available at www.fairfaxva.gov/water.

The city has scheduled a public outreach meeting at 11 a.m. April 6 at the Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway and a public hearing at the April 9 City Council meeting. On April 9, the City Council will consider approving the framework for an agreement. If approved, a final agreement would be drafted and approved at a later date.

Contact information for the Mayor and City Council is available on page 8 and on the city website. For information, call 703-385-7850.

Police Department Debuts New Cruisers in April

The City of Fairfax Police Department is transitioning to Chevrolet Caprice cruisers with better gas mileage, advanced safety features and new markings. The Ford Motor Company has ceased production of the model formerly used by many police departments.

The city expects to save on fuel costs — as much as \$200 annually per cruiser. The transition to new vehicles (and the new look) will take several years, as vehicles are replaced only as needed. For information, call 703-385-7960.



(photo by Albert Leightley III, City of Fairfax)

Budget Process Continues Through May 1

The City Council continues reviewing the proposed 2013-14 fiscal plan scheduled to be adopted at the City Council's May 1 meeting.

The Fairfax community is encouraged to review the budget — which includes descriptions, objectives and funding for all departments and programs — and provide feedback. The City Council will discuss the proposed budget and hold

public hearings on the matter during the April 9 and 23 City Council meetings. Copies of the budget are available on the city website, at City Hall and at the City of Fairfax Regional Library.

There are many ways to contact the City Council: e-mail, phone, mail, messages and at Council meetings. For information, visit the city's website or call 703-385-7864.



From Sunrise to Sunset: Caring and Preparing for End of Life Issues

2-4 pm • April 14 • City Hall Annex

Panel discussion on preparing for and managing legal, physical and spiritual issues

Janice Lynch Schuster, Center for Elder Care and Advanced Illness, Altarum Institute • Abigail Rian Evans, Center for Clinical Bioethics, Georgetown University • Malene Smith-Davis, president and CEO, Capital Caring • Jean Galloway Ball, past president of the Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, past president of the Alzheimer's Family Day Care Center board of directors

Before and after the panel discussion, meet the following service providers:
Everly Funeral Home • Fairfax Area Agency on Aging • Fairfax Nursing Home • Sunrise Assisted Living of George Mason • Washington Regional Transplant Consortium

Sponsored by the City of Fairfax Commission for Women • 703-385-7894 • Televised (see page 5)

Police Accident Investigation Reports Available Electronically

Beginning April 1, the City of Fairfax Police Department will provide accident investigation reports electronically.

The service, provided by CARFAX, provides 24-hour access to reports for vehicle owners/drivers/passengers, involved pedestrians, and their agents. The cost is \$8.50 per report (\$3 fee plus \$5.50 service charge). The request must include three pieces of information for identification.

Free copies remain available to vehicle owners/drivers when requested in person at the police station. For information, call 703-385-7950.

SafeAssured Kits Available April 6

Parents have an effective tool in finding their children if they are lost or abducted: SafeAssured ID System, offered for free April 6.

The City of Fairfax Police Department, with the Optimist Club of Central Fairfax, will prepare SafeAssured ID kits to families by appointment from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 6 at the police station, 3730 Old Lee Highway. To make an appointment, call 703-385-7923.

Kindergarten Orientation Held April 22, 29

Daniels Run Elementary School will hold kindergarten orientation from 2-3 p.m. April 22 at the school, 3705 Old Lee Highway. For information, call 703-279-8400.

Providence Elementary School will hold its orientation from 1:15-3 p.m. April 29 at the school, 3616 Jermantown Road. For information, call 703-460-4400.

Absentee Voting for Virginia Primary Begins April 26

Absentee voting will be available beginning April 26 for in-person voting in the General Registrar's Office at the Sisson House (adjacent to City Hall) for the June 11 Democratic primary. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. For information, call 703-385-7890.

Donation Bins at Property Yard Assist in Spring Cleaning

Many households have items that are

not in use, but are still usable. Consider donating them to those in need: drop them off in the bright blue bins in the City of Fairfax Recycling Center at the Property Yard, 3410 Pickett Road.

In addition to clean clothing and shoes, other items in usable condition are accepted, including electronics, books, videos, tools, dishes, small furniture items and more. All items must fit inside the bin, which has an opening about the size of a modern microwave oven.

Package items if needed and keep multiple parts of an item together. Please, no fragile or perishable items. For information, call 703-385-7995.

Beware Common Senior Phone Scams

Senior citizens should remain alert regarding phone scams. To report suspected scams, or to confirm the veracity of a "suspicious" phone request, call 703-385-7924.

Callers may identify themselves as grandchildren requesting money for legal issues, usually in foreign countries — or "kidnappers" call to demand ransom for a family member.

Seniors may receive calls for offers that are too good to be true: a windfall winning for a contest or the promise of payment on funds to be "transferred" to an account; callers will ask seniors to pay "service fees" in advance.

Never provide personal, sensitive information over the phone. Legitimate agencies will not request passwords, account numbers; advance fee payments or Social Security numbers.

Fairfax Civil War Day

10 am to 5 pm April 27

Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway

Meet Clara Barton, Gen. James Longstreet, Gen. and Mrs. D.H. Hill, Col. John Mosby, Willecoxon Family

Historic Blenheim House Tours • Interpretive Center exhibits: Attic Replica and Civil War Currency Exhibits (all day) • Living history and camp demonstrations • Civil War balloon demonstration • Susan Kelly as "The Yankee Schoolmarm" • Cannon and firing demonstration • Marion Dobbins on Slave Life • Presentations and displays • Wagon rides • •Beginners Boot Camp • Music by Home Front • 17th Va. Infantry "Fairfax Rifles" Food by Red Hot and Blue, and Historic Fairfax City, Inc.

**Shuttle service from Fairfax High School, 3410 Rebel Run
Information, Schedule: www.fairfaxva.gov, 703-385-8414**

City Provides Special Services in April For Spring Cleanup

The city provides special services in April for Spring Cleanup Month. For information, call 703-385-7995.

Leaf Collection — Rake loose leaves to the curb for collection on Tuesdays in April. Please have all leaves at the curb no later than April 29. *Bagged leaves are not collected in April.*

Curbside collection — Yard waste is collected from the curb on the same day as regular trash and recyclables collection. Place organic materials in containers marked “yard waste” or in bags.

Cleanup Day — Help Fairfax spruce up for spring: clean up the neighborhoods or any public area in the city on Spring Cleanup Day April 27 (or any day in April). The city will provide trash bags

and will collect the used trash bags on Spring Cleanup Day.

Street sweeping — The city will sweep residential streets on Wednesday, Thursdays and Fridays in April. Signs will be posted in neighborhoods; please refrain from parking on residential streets from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on sweeping days.

Don't bag it — If raking isn't your bag, leave grass clippings on the lawn. These clippings can supply 25 percent of a lawn's fertilizer requirements. Use a mulching mower, or mow every five to seven days, so clippings will be short enough to blend in.

Education — Check out Mason Sustainability Institute classes held at the Green Acres Center: visit msi.gmu.edu.



Preliminary Utility Work Begins on Chain Bridge Road Bridge Replacement

In April, the Public Works Department will begin the first phase of the anticipated Chain Bridge Road bridge replacement between Kenmore Drive and Rust Hill Place. For information, call 703-385-7810.

The first phase of the project involves moving electric and communications utilities to provide space for the new road bridge and new pedestrian bridge. Beginning in April, expect to see crews

cutting and trimming trees around the stream and walkways close to the existing road and pedestrian bridges — which may result in periodic sidewalk and pedestrian bridge closures. Also, expect to see Miss Utility crews marking underground utilities in the area.

Sign up for traffic and road closure information on eMAS, the city's electronic message alert system (available on the city's website).

Parks and Recreation Launches Strategic Plan Phase One With Website, Meetings

The Parks and Recreation Department, with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, has created numerous opportunities for public input of its strategic master plan.

The first phase of the master plan process, which begins April 1, includes a multilingual website for public participation (www.ourparksourfuture.com), an introductory video on the process and a comprehensive survey.

The department will hold four community workshops to collect information, as well as launch a survey, which will be

accessible from the strategic plan website and the city's website.

These meetings will be held 7-9 p.m. May 2 at Providence Elementary School, 7-9 p.m. May 3 at Old Town Hall, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 22 at Green Acres Center and from 1-4 p.m. June 23 at the Sherwood Community Center.

A strategic master plan is a clear, concise and measurable set of goals, policies and objectives to provide direction of future development, re-development, and enhancement of the city parks system. For information, call 703-385-7858.



Free Mulch Available for City Residents

Free mulch is available for city residents to pick up at the Fairfax County I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road (and some county parks). Availability varies, so confirm information at 703-324-5995.

The city will deliver 30 cubic yard loads of wood mulch upon request to civic associations for community use; call 703-385-7837.

Hazardous Waste Accepted at Twins Ace Hardware Store

City residents may dispose of the following items at Twins Ace Hardware, 10310-B Main Street. For information, call 703-359-4703.

- Mercury containing thermostats or thermometers
- Rechargeable ni-cad batteries weighing two pounds or less (no sealed lead acid)
- Compact fluorescent light bulbs

Contractors Must Dispose of Debris

Contractors who offer services as extensive as home renovations or as simple as grass-cutting are required to carry their debris out of the city with them.

The Public Works Department does not dispose of contractor-created debris.

Recycling, Disposal Information Available

Recycling is not only good for the environment, it's also mandatory for all city residents and businesses. The City of Fairfax has two flyers to help residents properly dispose of trash and recyclables in the city:

- *How to Dispose of Items in the City*
- *Curbside Recycling is Easier Than Ever*

For a copy of the flyers, visit the city's website (click on "Refuse & Recycling" on the home page) or call 703-293-7141.

INFORMATION: 703-385-7837

HFCI Hosts Historian at Semi-Annual Meeting April 17

History buffs are invited to a the Historic Fairfax City, Inc semi-annual meeting, which features a presentation by Civil War historian Howard Coffin at 7 p.m. April 17 at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway.

The topic of discussion will be the Second Vermont Brigade in Northern Virginia. Light refreshments will follow. For information, call 703-591-0560.

Put your bike on CUE!



Every CUE Bus is equipped to carry two bicycles. Information: www.fairfaxva.gov; 703-385-7859

Police Accept OTC Drugs, Prescription Medicine on April 27

Those with unwanted prescription and over-the-counter drugs may take them to the City of Fairfax Police Station April 27 as part of Drug Take-Back Day.

The city is working with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to collect unused, unwanted medication from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 27 in the police station lobby, 3730 Old Lee Highway. The city will accept pills, ointments and liquids in sealed containers.

Drop-off is anonymous; no identification or prescription information is required. For information, call 703-273-2889.

At the most recent take-back day in October 2012, the city collected 523 pounds of expired or unused medication. Drug disposal is an ongoing national issue, with reports of prescription drug chemicals found in some municipal water sources and leaching out of landfills.

Enjoy City Parks in the Spring

As the weather warms up and the world puts on its spring colors, saunter out to a city park: there are dozens from which to choose, including the newest "mini park" on School Street at University Drive (pictured, left).



Visit the city's website for a list of parks and their amenities — including tennis courts, playground equipment, picnic pavilions, basketball courts and walking trails. For information, call 703-385-7858. (photo by Chris Fow Cohen, City of Fairfax)

Charter Outreach Meeting Set for April 10

The City of Fairfax City Charter, adopted in 1961, currently is being reviewed — and the public is invited to assist in the process during a public outreach meeting April 10.

The charter, which is the equivalent to a constitution, sets out broad guidelines of governance. The City Council has established a seven-member commission to review the City Charter and invites the public to offer input during this process.

The public outreach meeting will be

held at 7 pm April 10 in the City Hall Annex, and will be televised (see page 5).

The City Charter, which is Part I of the City Code, is available on the city's website, in the Virginia Room of the City of Fairfax Regional Library and in the City Manager's Office.

After conducting a review and receiving public input, the committee will submit recommendations to the City Council.

For information, call 703-385-7936.

Partial Tax Exemption Offered for Renovated Homes

Residents who plan to substantially upgrade their older residences may be eligible for a partial real estate tax exemption.

The exemption amount is based on the increased value of the single-family home or duplex built at least 15 years ago that has been substantially rehabilitated, renovated or replaced. Exemptions are

given for a 10-year period.

Improvements must increase the assessed value by at least 15 percent. The homeowner must obtain appropriate building permits and inspections during the home improvement process.

Applicant must apply for the exemption *before any construction begins*. For information, call 703-385-7840.

Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards

- **Board of Building Code Appeals** (five vacancies: architect, engineer, mechanical/plumbing, electrical, and fire protection representatives) — Hears appeals to the BOCA Code (Building Officials and Code Administrators) and makes recommendations to the state board of housing for changes or modifications to the building code.
- **Commission for Women** (one vacancy for city resident) — Identifies and advocates for the needs of women in the city. Promotes programs to increase awareness and provide services to the community. Open to men and women. Meets on the third Tuesday of the month.
- **Community Appearance Committee** (one vacancy for city resident or business representative) — Coordinates the city's Adopt-a-Spot program and clean-up month/day programs, in addition to commercial, residential and holiday decoration award programs. Meets on the fourth Thursday of the month.
- **Fairfax Alcohol Safety Action Program Policy Board** (one vacancy for city resident) — Serves as directorate for the local programs within the local Alcohol Safety Action Program.
- **Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board** (one vacancy for a city resident) — Oversees the mental-health, intellectual and developmental disability and substance use disorder services of the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church and Fairfax County.

Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission. Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required (at least one year living in the city and registered to vote in the city). Submit letters of interest and résumé (if available) to City Clerk Melanie Burrell. Vacancies are subject to change. Information: 703-385-7935.



APRIL CABLE SCHEDULE

The Fairfax Scene

Through April 14, enjoy highlights from the 2013 Chocolate Lovers Festival.

Beginning April 15, experience the commemoration and reenactment of Mosby's Raid on Fairfax Court House, held 150 years to the day from the actual event.

The Fairfax Scene plays at 2 pm and 6 pm daily. Show are archived online under "special programming" and on the city's YouTube channel.

School Board Meeting

Monday, April 1, 7:30 pm, LIVE
replays: Tuesday, April 2, 10 am, 7 pm;
Thursday, April 4, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online April 2

Planning Commission Meetings

Monday, April 8, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Tuesday, April 9, 10 am; Thursday,
April 11, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online April 9

Monday, April 22, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Tuesday, April 23, 10 am; Thursday,
April 25, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online April 23

City Council Meetings, Work Sessions

Tuesday, April 9, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Wednesday, April 10, 10 am and
following the Charter Commission Public
Outreach meeting; Friday, April 12, 10 am, 7
pm; Saturday, April 13 and Sunday, April 14,
10 am
Archived online April 10
OnDEMAND replay begins April 14

Tuesday, April 23, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Wednesday, April 24 and
Friday, April 26, 10 am, 7 pm; Satur-
day, April 27 and Sunday, April 28,
10 am
Archived online April 24
OnDEMAND replay begins April 28

Charter Commission Public Outreach Meeting

Wednesday, April 10, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Monday, April 15, 10 am, 7 pm;
Thursday, April 18, 10 am, 7 pm; Monday,
April 29, 10 am, 7 pm; and Tuesday, April
30, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online April 11

From Sunrise to Sunset: Caring and Preparing for End of Life Issues

Monday, April 14, 2 pm, LIVE
replays: Tuesday, April 16, 10 am, 7 pm;
Wednesday, April 17, 10 am, 7 pm; Friday,
April 19, 10 am, 7 pm; Saturday, April 20,
10 am, 7 pm; Sunday, April 21, 10 am, 7
pm
Archived online April 15

Programming is subject to change — see Cityscreen-12 to confirm the programming schedule. Information: 703-385-7803.



Proposed Agendas for School Board, Planning Commission, City Council

Meeting information is subject to change; please call to confirm.

School Board (for information, call 703-385-7911)

April 1 regular meeting

- Staff/student recognition.
- *State of the School Report: Fairfax High School.*

April 15 work session

- Student panel presentation.
- Review draft agenda for annual retreat.

Planning Commission (for information, call 703-385-7930)

April 8 regular meeting

- No agenda items have been set.

April 22 regular meeting

- Public hearings: on a proposed rezoning for single family detached houses in a planned development (Avery Park located at 3601-3603 Jermantown Road and 10823-10825 Carol Street); on a proposed rezoning for the redevelopment of Layton Hall Apartments for multi-family residential planned development (10320-10340 Layton Hall Drive).

City Council (for information, call 703-385-7935)

April 9 regular meeting and work session

- Introduction of ordinances: amending and readopting City Code pertaining to classification and taxation of certain real property in the City of Fairfax used for or zoned for commercial and industrial purposes, and to establish a tax rate on such real property for the 2013 tax year, revenues from which would be used exclusively for transportation purposes that benefit the city; amending City Code to increase the water rate by 9.5

percent and the wastewater rate by 10 percent.

- Public hearing and scheduled action on the framework for an agreement with the Fairfax County Water Authority.
- Public hearing on the proposed city budget for fiscal year 2013-14.
- Discussion of the city's proposed budget for fiscal year 2013-14.

April 23 regular meeting and work session

- Public hearings: the city's proposed budget for fiscal year 2013-14; pertaining to classification and taxation of certain real property in the City of Fairfax used for or zoned for commercial and industrial purposes, and to establish a tax rate on such real property for the 2013 tax year, revenues from which would be used exclusively for transportation purposes that benefit the city; amending City Code to increase the water rate by 9.5 percent and the wastewater rate by 10 percent; the design proposals for Fairfax Boulevard and Chain Bridge Road intersection and drainage improvements.
- Discussion of the city's proposed budget for fiscal year 2013-14.





CITY COUNCIL REPORTER

February 12, 2013

Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously, consideration of a resolution authorizing actions to accept Federal Emergency Management Agency and Department of Homeland Security grant funds for flammable liquids and advanced life support training; consideration of an award of a contract to Insight, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$42,600 for utility test holes on Main Street between Chain Bridge Road and East Street for the new waterline project and the Old Town drainage project; consideration of an application for road closures for the annual Little League opening day ceremony/parade.
- Approved, unanimously, to authorize the city manager to award a contract to Brandstetter Carroll, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for phase one of the strategic master plan for parks.
- Approved, unanimously, to authorize the city manager to execute a contract with Tibbs Paving Inc., in the amount of \$129,600 for pedestrian trail renovations at Historic Blenheim.

Public hearings

- Approved unanimously, that the City Council approve the request of Red Zone Grill, LLC for a special use permit to allow dancing and entertainment as uses ancillary to a restaurant (Red Zone Grill) in the C-2(P) Retail Commercial and Old Town Fairfax Transition Overlay Districts at 10560 Main Street, subject to conditions.
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance extending for an additional 120 days the franchise granted to Virginia Electric and Power Company pursuant to ordinance number 1982-24.
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance extending for an additional 120 days

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the franchise granted to Verizon Virginia LLC pursuant to ordinance number 1982-25.

February 26, 2013

Presentations

- Presentation of the City Manager's proposed budget for fiscal year 2013-14.

Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously, consideration to receive the list of delinquent taxes in compliance with State Code and write-off taxes in compliance with State Code and consider the publication of the list of delinquent personal property taxes of more than \$100 and delinquent real estate taxes; Consideration of a resolution to transfer RSTP Funds from the Route 123/Eaton Place intersection improvements project to the design of retaining wall, sidewalk, curb, gutter and drainage facilities along the west side of Chain Bridge Road at Rust Curve; Introduction of an ordinance to amend City Code pertaining to residential parking permits. (*Mayor Silverthorne was absent.*)

March 12, 2013

Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously, introduction of an appropriation resolution to fund various projects approved by VDOT for engineering services and design, utility relocation, and construction.
- Approved, unanimously, to authorize the city manager to execute a contract to Streetsense in the amount of \$67,391 to complete the market analysis for commercial development along the Fairfax Boulevard Corridor.

Public hearings

- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance amending City Code pertaining to residential parking permits.
- Public hearing on whether the City of Fairfax should enter into an agreement with the Fairfax County Water Authority for the provision of retail water

service to the residents of the City of Fairfax. (*No action taken.*)

Items not requiring a public hearing

- Presentation by Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates C.P.A. of the fiscal year 2012 *City of Fairfax Comprehensive Annual Financial Report* (CAFR).

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703-273-1776

recorded information

24-hour access, updates

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Cityscreen-12

Channel 12 on cable television

and city website

24-hour access, updates

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General Information

703-385-7855 (TTY: 7-1-1)

regular business hours

Office of Emergency Management

703-385-4856 (TTY: 7-1-1)

regular business hours

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City of Fairfax Community Calendar

April 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Guided tours of the city's historic Ratcliffe-Allison House are offered from 11 am to 2 pm Saturdays through October 26. Information: www.fairfaxva.gov, 703-385-8414.</p>	<p>1  <i>Independence Day Parade applications due</i> Egg Hunt, 5-7:30 pm, Van Dyck Park Human Services Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)</p>	<p>2 <i>Curbside leaf collection provided</i> Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex Evenings Under the Stars, 7 pm, George Mason University Observatory</p>	<p>3 Environmental Sustainability Committee, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex</p>	<p>4 Fairfax City Democratic meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex <i>Green Day</i>, 7:30 pm, Patriot Center</p>	<p>5 <i>City of Fairfax Regional Library parking lot closes at 6 pm</i> Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)</p>	<p>6 IDCC Indoor yard sale, 8 am, Green Acres Center <i>City of Fairfax Regional Library parking lot re-opens at 9 am</i> SafeAssured ID Kit, 10 am, City Police Station Public outreach meeting on city water system, 11 am, Sherwood Center</p>
<p>7 Russian National Ballet Theatre: <i>Swan Lake</i>, 4 pm, Center for the Arts</p>	<p>8  Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)</p>	<p>9  <i>Curbside leaf collection provided</i> City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5) English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library</p>	<p>10  Charter Commission public outreach meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5) Spotlight on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Center</p>	<p>11 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center</p>	<p>12 Sherwood Cinema Series: <i>Toy Story 3</i>, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) <i>Russkie Musikanti</i>, 8 pm, Old Town Hall</p>	<p>13 American Festival Pops Orchestra: <i>Cinema Magic</i>, 8 pm, Center for the Arts Swing Dances at Sherwood, 8 pm (free dance lessons at 7:30 pm), Sherwood Community Center</p>
<p>14  <i>From Sunrise to Sunset: Caring and Preparing for End-of-Life Issues</i>, 2 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5) Second Sunday Series: <i>The Circus is Coming to Town — or Not</i>, 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center</p>	<p>15 Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall School Board work session, 7 pm, Fairfax High School</p>	<p>16 <i>Curbside leaf collection provided</i> Commission on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center Evenings Under the Stars, 7 pm, George Mason University Observatory</p>	<p>17 Economic Development Authority meeting, 6 pm, 4031 University Drive Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex HFCI semi-annual meeting, 7 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center</p>	<p>18 <i>Friday Morning Music Club</i>, 11 am, Old Town Hall Independence Day Celebration Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex City of Fairfax Republican Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex</p>	<p>19  Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) <i>Spotlight Celebration: An Artistic Kaleidoscope</i>, 7 pm, Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center</p>	<p>20  <i>Fitness Workshop</i>, 1 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library Tails to Tales, 10:30 am, City of Fairfax Regional Library</p>
<p>21  Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in the city. For information, visit today.gmu.edu or call 703-993-1056.</p>	<p>22  Kindergarten orientation, 2 pm, Daniels Run Elementary School Celebrate Earth Day, 6 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)</p>	<p>23  <i>Curbside leaf collection provided</i> Earth Art show and reception, 6 pm, City Hall Atrium City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)</p>	<p>24  Charter Commission regular meeting, 5:30 pm, City Hall <i>A Choral Kaleidoscope</i>, 7:30 pm, Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center</p>	<p>25  <i>Mother Goose Storytime</i>, 10:30 am, City of Fairfax Regional Library <i>Sweet Chills Storytime</i>, 4 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library Community Appearance Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex</p>	<p>26  Absentee voting begins for Democratic Primary Election Arbor Day ceremony and tree planting, 10 am, Providence Elementary School Bingo <i>Kaleidoscope of Art & Music</i>, 7 pm, Sherwood Center</p>	<p>27  <i>Spring Clean-Up Day</i> Document shredding event, 8 am to noon, I-95 Complex, 9850 Furnace Road, Lorton Drug Take-Back Day, 10 am to 2 pm, Police Station <i>Fairfax Civil War Day</i>, 10 am to 5 pm, Historic Blenheim</p>
<p>28  Electric Sunday, 10 am to 3 pm, I-66 Transfer Station Main Street Community Band: <i>Music for a Sunday Afternoon</i>, 3 pm, Sherwood Center <i>Irish Céili</i>, 6 pm, Old Town Hall</p>	<p>29  <i>Teddy Bear Time</i>, 10:30 am, City of Fairfax Regional Library Kindergarten orientation, 1:15 pm, Providence Elementary School Virginia Opera: <i>A Kaleidoscope of Music and Song</i>, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center</p>	<p>30  <i>Curbside leaf collection provided</i> Evenings Under the Stars, 7 pm, George Mason University Observatory Vienna-Falls Chorus, Sweet Adelines, 7 pm, Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center</p>	<p>Curbside leaf collection will be provided on Tuesdays in April — please have leaves at the curb by 7 am on collection day. No bagged leaves will be collected in April. Information: www.fairfaxva.gov, 703-385-LEAF.</p> 			<p>Helpful Phone Numbers City government information..... 703-385-7855 City News and Events Line..... 703-273-1776 Arts and Cultural Events Line..... 703-352-ARTS City of Fairfax Regional Library 703-293-6227 Civil War Interpretive Center..... 703-591-0560 Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center 703-385-8414 FHS Sports Line..... 703-749-8130 George Mason University events..... 703-993-1056 Information is subject to last-minute change.</p>



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Egg Hunt Planned for April 1 at Van Dyck Park

Children ages 2-10 hunt for eggs at the Egg Hunt April 1. Hunts will be scheduled for specific age groups from 5-7:30 p.m. at Van Dyck Park, 3730 Old Lee Highway.

Fun activities, including sack races, egg crafts and more, will be offered prior to the hunts. Bring a camera for photos with the Easter Bunny, and Egg Hunt 2013 wooden coins will be given to the first 175 children in each age group.

The event is sponsored by Combined Properties.

Independence Day Parade Applications Due April 1

Join friends and family, civic and business groups: march in the city's Independence Day Parade July 4, and submit an parade application by April 1. Volunteers also are sought to assist during the event.

IDCC Holds Yard Sale April 6; Items Sought

The Independence Day Celebration Committee will hold an indoor yard sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 6 at Green

Acres Center — and seeks donated items.

These items will be accepted for the yard sale from 5-8 p.m. April 5 in the Green Acres Center cafeteria: children's clothes, toys, bikes, computers, furniture, appliances and household linens. *Please, no adult-size clothing.*

Proceeds will benefit the city's 2013 Independence Day celebration to be held July 4. For information, call 703-385-7949.

Sherwood Cinema Series Continues April 12; Food Donations Accepted

Catch *Toy Story 3* for free April 12 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway. Lights go down at 7 p.m., and participants may bring their own snacks.

At this event, Our Daily Bread is accepting non-perishable food items from 7-9 p.m.; call for donation guidelines.

Ratcliffe-Allison House Tours Begin in April

Take a free tour of the city's oldest residence — the Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main Street — from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays April through October. Tours also may be scheduled in advance.

For information, call 703-385-8414.

History Talks Planned April 14, May 12

Find out about *The Circus Comes to Town, Or Not* at 2 pm April 14 at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street. For information, call 703-385-8414.

On May 12, learn about *Women's Fashions of the Civil War Era* at 2 p.m. at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway. For information, call 703-591-0560.

Guided Walking History Tours Begin May 11

Discover Fairfax history on foot with a guided tour of Old Town Fairfax. Tours step off at 11 a.m. from the Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main Street, on May 11, June 15, July 27, August 24, September 14 and October 26. Cost is \$5 per adult or \$15 per family. For information, call 703-385-8414.

Check out *Leisure Times* for classes, trips, activities, special events and more!

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 703-385-7858 (TTY Relay: 7-1-1).



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